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Ready, set...
Computer terminals stand idle in the cafeteria before the on slaught of students registering, before the start of classes. Students have until Friday to add classes. (Eric Moyer Photo)

Titchener's fate hangs in balance

County stalls renovation plan

By BILL WOLCOTT
Editor

The college will try again to convince the County Legislature, which is still reeling from criticism over a 42 percent tax hike, to allow the renovation of Titchener Hall to proceed.

The Broome County Legislature in a 9-8 vote in December rejected the college's request to hire an architect to study what the college should do with the $2.8 million set aside for the renovation. The study would have been paid for out of the money set aside and not with county funds.

The no vote has forced an indefinite delay in the project. In the meantime, renovation costs are continuing to rise.

The Legislature will be asked to reconsider the proposal at its Feb. 6 meeting, but College President Donald A. Dellow refused to predict the outcome.

"The situation down at the County Legislature has become very disrupted by the recent event, of the huge tax increase," Dellow said.

Dellow said that the college has been working closely with certain key legislators in hopes of changing the outcome.

The money is no longer enough to cover all the proposed changes in the project, due to inflation and rising construction costs.

The $2.8 million was obtained from state, county and college sources and could not be used on other projects.

Some of the legislators who voted against the feasibility study suggested the college consider renting space off campus -- a suggestion college officials flatly reject as impractical and -- in the long run -- costly.

Because of the delays the work schedule and cost of the project will be affected.

"Delays at this point will cost us dearly," said John McCauley, assistant to the vice president of administration.

"If we lose Feb. 6 vote it would be a serious problem."

McCauley said that inflation could interfere with the project, cutting into the amount of work that the funding could accomplish.

McCauley also didn't rule out the possibility that the delays could cause the construction work to be delayed until next year, or possibly force construction during the academic year.

Titchener Hall currently needs work on building insulation, the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system (HVAC), restrooms need to be installed on all three floors, and an elevator to be placed in the building. The money that is left will be used to modify classroom as well as office space.

"We're convinced that the renovation needs to go on in Titchener...We need that space on-campus for use," Dellow said.

"We will make our best case. And I think that reasonable people will look at that, and support our position."

Private gift challenges college

By BILL WOLCOTT
Editor

BCC has received a $500,000 grant from a Binghamton foundation to help finance the renovation and construction of a new addition to the 901 Front Street building.

In addition to the $500,000 "gift" by the Dr. G. Clifford and Florence B. Decker Foundation, the college also applied for an additional $500,000 "challenge grant" from the Binghamton-based foundation.

"We now have to go to other private sources and raise $500,000, and they (Decker Foundation) will give us another $500,000. So altogether it will equal $1.5 million once it's all raised," explaine Roger Hartman, executive director of th BCC Foundation which is handling th private funding of the project.

Among the private sources the col lege will approach to raise the $500,00 "challenge grant" are local corporations alumni and others. "We do not have as o yet, any commitments from a privat source," Hartman said.

The $1.5 million will go towards th roughly $8 million needed for the recentl named Decker Health Science Center whic will house all seven of the health scienc programs currently on campus.

Hartman said that building publi support for the project would be the mos important part.

"All capital projects on-campus ar paid 50/50 by the county and the state," Hartman said.

The county, which is currently considering raising taxes to create more revenue, might not be willing to fund the project, acknowledges Hartman. But the college "feels strongly" that using the $1.5 million from private sources towards the $4 million needed from the county, will help win county approval for funding.

"It's going to take a tremendous amount of local support to convince county and state government that we need this."

But Hartman added, "when a source comes forward and offers you a $1 million to renovate a building, that's a pretty strong local statement that 'yeah we ought to do this.'"

Hartman said that this was first time that private sources were used to fund a capital project.

The renovation and the building of an addition to 901 Front Street will increase the square footage by 30 percent, Hartman estimated.

The building of the Decker Health Center will not only allow the consolidation of all the health science programs, but will also create more space on campus with the move of programs to the building.

Construction of the project is tentatively scheduled for 1992.

BCC's Foundation is a non-profit corporation not affiliated with the college that raises private money to run certain projects and programs at BCC.

Committee fails to meet on campus safety

By BILL WOLCOTT
Editor

While the college administration has instated quicker reporting methods by Campus Security, it has yet to examine whether improvements are needed in campus safety in response to the sexual harassments on campus last semester.

BCC administrators met with Carl Fenescey, head of Broome County Security to insist that they be notified within 24-hours of an assault on campus, according to Donald A. Dellow, president of BCC, instead of weeks after the incident.

"Security normally notifies Helen Veres, vice-president of administration, of any assaults on campus. But for a variety of reasons in some cases, they did not notify us until several weeks had past," Dellow said.

"Their reasoning was they were investigating the cases and they didn't have all the information for us."

Dellow had asked the Campus Health and Safety Committee, which is under Veres office, to study campus safety. But the committee is apparently without a chairman following the resignation of Charles Quagliata when he was named vice president for external affairs.

Veres could not be reached for comment and other school officials were unable to comment on what the commitee has done and what proposals they are considering.

In the meantime, however, the health center has scheduled a number of seminars on sexual awareness and date rape. (See Short Takes, page 2 for details.)

The moves by the college were in response to the arrest of Edmund Rajner, a BCC student on five counts of sexual harassment, a misdemeanor, and two counts of sexual abuse in the third-degree, a felony.

According to Fenescey BCC has "been quiet" since the arrest of Rajner. No more sexual harassment complaints had been filed.

Rajner was arraigned in a Town of Dickinson court, and has pleaded not-guilty to the charges against him. A pretrial meeting has been scheduled for February at the request of Rajner's lawyer.

Fenescey said the investigation of a separate sexual harassment case, reported in December, has stalled because of conflicting statements by the victim as well as the lack of leads in the investigation.

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Short Takes

Health, business fairs scheduled

The Placement Office is planning job fairs for students in the health sciences and business departments this spring.

The Health Sciences Job Fair will be Friday, Feb. 23, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the East Gym. The fair is open to all health science majors.

The Business Job Fair will be held Tuesday, April 24, in the Atrium of the Applied Technology Building. Times will be announced later. The fair will also be open to liberal arts students.

Lambda Society plans January meeting

The Lambda Society, which is for gay students and their friends and family, will be holding its first meeting on Thursday, January 25. For time and location, inquire in W-200 or W-104 or call 771-5210 or 771-5181.

Notetakers needed for the disabled

Bruce Pomeroy, director of Student Support Services, is looking for notetakers for disabled students for daytime and evening classes. Notetakers are paid $4 an hour and are responsible for providing class notes to the assigned students. If interested, contact Pomeroy at 771-5234 or in Library 101.

Photo show depicts abortion fight

"Who Decides," by photographer Mindy Berman, captures both sides of the debate about reporductive rights in black and white photos in at exhibit at the Women's Center, 213 State St., Binghamton. The work will be on display through Feb. 4.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted for the Women's Center. Berman was active in the center and its pro-choice work before she moved to the Albany area several years ago.

Health center sponsorsing seminars

BCC's Health and Wellness Resource Center is sponsoring a number of seminars in February, in response to campus community needs.

On Thursday, Feb. 1, a lecture on Sexual Awareness and Prevention will be given from noon-1 p.m. in B-224 of the Business Building.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, a play on Date/Acquaintance Rape will be given from 3-4:15 p.m. in B-224 of the Business Building.

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, a lecture one Men's Sensitivity will be given from noon-1 p.m. in B-224 of the Business Building.

The seminars are open to all..

College magazine seeks student writing, artwork

By DONNA J. MULLINS

You know you're good. So wouldn't you like to see your writing in print? Professor Ernest Giordani may have a solution.

Thanks to the creative writing class taught by Giordani, professor of English, your creative writing may appear in the 14th edition of **Between Pages**.

The magazine, whcih is published each spring, represents the best efforts of BCC in poetry, shor stories or plays. Local artists also illustrate the work.

BCC students, as well as staff, can submit work, Giordani siad. "We're not hard nosed."

"We deal primarily with short pieces of writing. We don't accept pornography."

The magazine is usually 65 to 80 pages long. Sizes is limited by funding, he said, but there is always room for good talent. Posters will be put on throughout campus in April listing submission and publication dates.

BCC alumni writer William Opie, once wrote for the magazine. His current novel **Shenandoah Spector** is now selling at the campus bookstore.

Waiting it out

Waiting in line is par for the course for the beginning of each semester as these students standing in line at the Financial Aid Office in Wales last week found out. (Eric Moyer photo)

College faces budget battle

Governor Mario Cuomo's proposed 1990-91 budget includes no increase in the basic state aid, and eliminates state aid for community education programs for community colleges.

"The fact that there is no increase in the state aid base is a usual kind of thing," said Donald A. Dellow, president of BCC.

"Over the past several years the govenor has consistently done this. He knows that the local legislators will be very supportive of their community colleges."

The proposed elimination of aid to community education also is consistent suggestion, according to Dellow.

Dellow said that the community college president's and trustees have proposed $150/FTE increase in state aid.

The college recieves state funding based on annualized FTE, or full-time equivalent, which is the total number of credit hours of all students at BCC, divided by 30. The state currently allocates $1,675 per FTE to BCC.

"If we are not able to get a reasonable state aid increase, we would have to try to get additional funding."

Dellow said that the college could possibly raise tuition $50, or seek additional aid from the county. "Given the financial situation with the county, I don't know realistically what are chances would be.

" Dellow said that there are several ways that BCC lobbies for support of their proposed budget to the state.

BCC will work closely with the local state legislators, as well as contributing to a lobbying group made up of the other community colleges in the SUNY-system, according to Dellow.

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Climbing the ladder of success

College helps graduates with employment

By BILL WOLCOTT and SUE BROZOWSKI

With the beginning of spring semester most BCC seniors aren't just looking forward to their classes but also to what the future might bring after their studies at BCC.

If the students decide to go directly to work after graduation, as approximately 50 percent of all graduates do, they may have gotten their jobs through BCC's Placement Office.

In the first wave of recruiters for 1990, nine corporations recently came to BCC to interview between 65-75 students currently enrolled in technical programs.

"We really don't place anybody," said Anne Scott, director of placement at BCC. "They, (students), place themselves."

"What we are is a catalyst, but in assisting them in this process, we find that students who graduate and want to go to work, is approximately 50 percent. While 48 percent will transfer to another school."

Of the 65-75 students in a 132 interviews, 40 were ivited back for another interview.

"It doesn't matter how many jobs are out there, or what kind of contacts you have, if you don't know how to sell yourself."

Some of myriad of services that the placement office provides are, help with writing resumes, finding jobs in their fields and tips on communicating well as well as others. The placement office also sponsors job fairs throughout the spring semester for students in technical, health science and business programs.

"Our services are free. The only costy is putting in a little elbow grease in getting their credential file ready, and writing a resume."

Wayne M. Humley, (right) of the Newport News Shipbuilding company interviews BCC student Anthony Bryce during a recruiting effort by nine corporations of students in technical programs at BCC. (Eric Moyer Photo)

Scott said that the most highly wanted graduates from BCC are students from the health science programs. Students from the technical programs are the next highly sought, follwed by business and finally liberal arts students.

434 of last years 999 graduating students found jobs immediately after leaving BCC, 86 percent of which were located in the Southern Tier.

Of the 434 students, 278 were employed in their chosen fields. Of the remaining 156, 59 were employed in jobs which indirectly related, and 86 were employed in unrelated fields. Information on the remaining 11 studebts was unavailable.

The average annual starting salaries for the students that went directly into the job market was $17,524 with a range topped off at 32,000.

But after students leave BCC for work, they don't always get the jobs they wanted.

One alumnus who went straight into the job market is Richard Benniken, who graduated from BCC in 1983 with an A.S. in liberal arts.

"After I left Broome, I applied for several different jobs, but couldn't get any good ones with a two-year degree," said Benniken.

"Looking back, I probably should have taken the opportunity to transfer to another college and continue my education, rather than goi ng directly to work."

Amanda D'Amante graduated from BCC in 1985 with a degree in dental hygiene says, "the dental hygiene program at BCC was great, and I enjoy the field."

1989 class profile compared to previous years

COMPARISON DATA - 1 Year, 3 Year, 5 Year

	Class of 89	88	86	84
Number of graduates	999*	916*	1081*	1136*
Percentage employed	49	50	48	53
Percentage unavailable	2	3	3	3
Percentage transferred	44	43	43	36
Percentage unemployed	6	4	6	8
Average Annual Salary	17,524	16,545	14,378	13,622

More students enter college unprepared

By JOANNE KOPCHO

More students are entering college without the basic skills, according to a recent national survey of college professors. BCC is no exception.

In fact, the college may have a higher percentage of poorly prepared students that is due in part to the "Full Opportunity" policy that BCC follows. BCC follows an open admissions policy and regularly admit students who lack the basics, said Anthony Fiorelli, director of admissions.

The policy requires the school to admit nearly all of the students who apply. Students are only rejected when they have special needs that exceed the educational alternatives BCC provides, Fiorelli said.

All entry-level students must take a pre-placement test to determine special needs. The test is given by the Learning Assistance Center and measures skill levels in reading, writing and math.

"I would say that every year the problem worsens," said Steve Natale of the Learning Assistance Center, of the results of the tests. "Over 850 students (had problems) in basic math, up 100 from last year."

In reading, the number of students needing remedial classes increased from about 400 in 1987 to about 600 in 1989. In English 90, the numbers increased from about 70 students in 1987 to about 130.

Though the number of students requiring these courses has increased, "many sociologists think that the community colleges are the last chance for people to get ahead," Natale said.

"At BCC we are very conscious of students coming in unprepared," said Russell Littlefield, associate professor of English. The placement examination determines which students need to take English 110S.

Littlefield said that because America is a culture where reading and writing are not values, we can expect to find more students lacking in the basics. "Most students are not highly motivated in writing," he said. It's human nature, unless you are interested in the topic, you are not motivated, he said.

"If people think that reading (the classics) and writing could make money, then everyone would (do that)," he said.

As for the future, he said, "We have to think of writing as a process, rather than a product."

The survey also found that faculty believe students have become more grade-conscious and more careerist. "The philosophy of studying has reversed from wanting to learn to career and earnings," agreed George Higginbottom, dean of liberal arts and sciences. The value of education has increased a great deal, he said as the need for trained professionals grows.

Higginbottom said that although many student enter BCC poorly prepared, they leave with a degree prepared, he said.

Foreign students brave cold for studies

By MIKE FARRELL
Editorial Page Editor

On Wednesday evening, January 11, 16 students from Central America and the Caribbean arrived in Broome County at Link Field. Some wore T-shirts, others were more prepared for the 40-degree weather that would meet them upon their arrival.

Also on hand to greet them were Alberto Miller, director of the program that brought them here, and the 16 students from their home countries who had come in the fall. They brought with them borrowed coats and sweaters and reassuring smiles.

The next day the students were officially welcomed at a college reception and met the host families they will live with for the next six months.

The students are the second wave of a program designed to provide study at community colleges in fields like quality control and business administration. They are sponsored by the Central American Scholarship program (CASP) and the Cooperative Association of States for Scholarships (CASS), which are coordinated by Georgetown University.

The newest group of students come from Belize, St. Vincent, Grenada, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Honduras.

Miller said, "The students are chosen in their own countries by teachers and local committies to come and study in the United States. What we do is bring them here, get them situated, and find host families for them to stay with for six months."

All of the students at BCC will major in quality control and study English if necessary during the next two years. Miller said the students, some of whom have limited English skills, are placed with host families to help them adjust.

Junior Benjamin is interviewed by reporters during the luncheon to welcome 16 students from the Caribbean and Central America. Benjamin, from Grenada said he missed the warm weather, but liked the cold. (Eric Moyer Photo)

Theater allows director to be himself -- on stage and off

By RICK TUTTLE

Angelo Zuccolo, 49, director of theatre at BCC, sits back in his chair in his office behind The Little Theatre. In his 18 years here, he says he has had three different offices in three different buildings and never a window.

Frome the shelves along the walls statues of assorted hobbits and trolls peer out. The walls are a hodgepodge of wooden planks and fences propped up in sea galley fashion and interspersed with photographs of casts and crews of past productions.

"Some say they come to this office to find reality, others say they come here to get away from it," he says with a smile. When asked which applies to him he says, "This is my reality."

The acting experience is something Zuccolo takes very seriously and the office does indeed seem representative of his world.

With a father in vaudeville, Zuccolo grew up in theatre and on the stage, literally. His first role was at age five in "Casey at Bat." He said he wanted to be such diverse people as a cowboy or a priest when he grew up. "As an actor, some people think I'm really both."

It was theater that first brought Zuccolo to the Binghamton area from Providence, Rhode Island, exactly 20 years ago. He attended SUNY Binghamton from 1969 to 1971 and graduated in theater. He came to BCC in the fall of that year, and has been here ever since.

Zuccolo said he loves the area and finds the students to be highly creative, even though there is no theater major at BCC. He said spontaneity thrives among his students both those on stage and those behind the scenes.

Zuccolo points out that theater ensembles are very much like athletic teams. Both offer "an expression of personality and clamor for public recognition of skills and crafts," he says.

On acting he says, "You have to know yourself, your strengths, limitations, potential, emotions...(know) yourself mentally and physically."

Successful student actors and actresses need to have their five senses finely tuned to be creative he says with enthusiasm in his voice. He said teaching acting is a daily renewal of life for him.

"The beauty of teaching is you can pursue other projects," he said, and he does that with vigor.

Zuccolo is involved with the local S.O.S. players, an ensemble group of volunteer, professional performers that constructs theater pieces for the benefit of battered women. While the scenes are very graphic, they allow their audiences to explore the feelings produced by domestic violence.

Zuccolo also takes part and takes pleasure in mystery nights, participatory plays complete with fictitious clues and murders. The most recent one was for guests at Indian Mountain.

Zuccolo is father to two young daughters who already love the theater and the world of make believe. He says when the girls visit him at work, they see what takes place in preparation for a play.

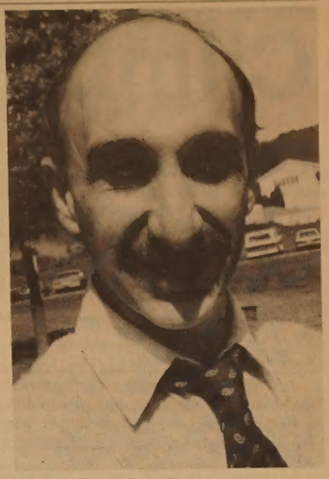
Zuccolo said it is nice that his girls can grow up seeing that daddy goes to work that is to them merely play, and that the ideal is to really love what you do. Unfortunately, most children never get that chance.

Zuccolo says that somewhere between childhood and young adulthood, we become shy and self-conscious. He says there must be a combination of both in the actor. He or she must have the perspective of an adult and the insight of a child.

He adds that if people are self-conscious, it means that they are introspective and know themselves fairly well and can use that on the stage.

Zuccolo says having butterflies is natural energy that may become stage fright, or can charge you up to let you "take the stage," and be brilliant.

Zuccolo's short term goals are to maybe go to New York and take in a couple of shows. He says the only difference between theater there and at BCC is that in New York people act for a living and here people learn how to act for a living.



Angelo Zuccolo
BCC Little Theatre director

He says his only long term goals are to complete his short term goals. "The joy comes from the journey, not the destination," he says.

For now, Zuccolo said he finds what he is doing an "incredably high experience, even during the struggles."

Actor, teacher, and father Zuccolo said, "The only advice I'd give to people, actors in particular, is the only piece of advice my father ever gave me, 'be yourself and love it!'"

Music, movies, fair ahead for spring

By MIKE FARRELL
Editorial Page Editor

This semester, the Student Activities division of Broome Community College has movies,muscial appearances, and other exciting things planned for the students here.

"The big thing is Count Basie's World Famous Orchestra on Friday February 9th," says David Maslar Director of Student Activities. The show will start at 7:30 and tickets will go on sale January 29th at $1.00 for students with I.D. and $5.00 for the general public. The Orchestra will give us a musical tour of its work in Jazz over the years.

Movies that are to be shown this semester include Ghostbusters II, Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, and Star Trek V -The Final Frontier.

On February 10th, Ghostbusters II will premier on BCC campus. The Ghostbusters team is back doing what they do best, busting ghosts. This movie promises more slime, ghosts, and laughs than the previous film as the Ghostbusters race to save New York City from the grip of supernatural beings. Admission is $1.00 for students with I.D. and $5.00 for the general public.

Next up in movies,in March, is Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. In this film, Indiana Jones teams up with his father Professor Henry Jones, played by Sean Connery, In a race against time and those evil Nazi dudes for the ultimate treasure-the Holy Grail. This movie has lots of action, thrills, and the usual amount of humor that has been employed in this popular series.

Finally in this semester's myriad of films, on April 6th, is Star Trek V- The Final Frontier. Yes, the crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise is back to take you on another adventure where no man has gone before. This time they journey from a ruined planet to the center of the galaxy in search of the answer to the ultimate question.

Also, on February 14th is the Activities Fair. At the fair all of the clubs on BCC campus will be looking for new recruits for upcoming events in their organizations.

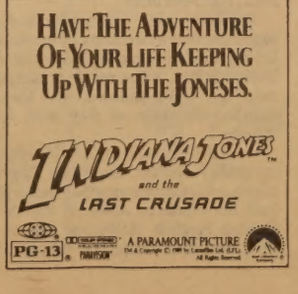
The Spring Picnic will be held on Friday, May 11th with plenty of food, and entertainment available for all who attend.

Also on the BCC student activities agenda is pop singer Carl Rosen. Mr. Rosen will make his appearance on campus at noon on April 18th, said Maslar.

This semester here at BCC promises to be an activity- packed one thanks to the efforts of the good people at Student Activities.

Frank Foster, director of Count Basie Orchestra which will be playing their music at BCC on Feb. 9. Tickets will be on sale starting Jan. 29, in the Student Center from 11am-2pm and 5:30-7:30pm.

Ernie Hudson and Dan Aykroyd are back in the summer-smash Ghostbusters II along with other partners in-slime Bill Murray, Harold Ramis and Sigourney Weaver. The film will be shown Feb.10 in thw little theatre.



College quits cold turkey

New state law changes smoking policy at BCC

By BILL WOLCOTT
Editor

Due to a new smoking policy at BCC, smokers will not be able to "light-up" as often as they want.

The change in the smoking policy by the college was in compliance with N.Y. State Clean Indoor Air Act, which prohibits smoking in indoor public areas, and which took effect Jan. 1.

"What I tried to do, to adhere to the law, was to make the campus as smoke-free as possible," said Charles J. Quagliata vice president of institutional advancement at BCC.

Quagliata said that the college looked "at places where there really had to be a designated area because people are locked in that building all day long."

According to Quagliata the biggest area of concern is the student lounge in the Business building, which he termed as a "campus smoke pit." Smoking in the lounge has never been allowed, but that rule had previously went unheeded by smokers in the building.

To help the college make students aware of the new smoking policy the posted signs that designate smoking areas and smoke-free buildings along with "approximately 1,000 yellow signs" that list the designated smoking areas on campus.

In addition to limiting smoking, the college has also removed all cigarette machines on campus. "We felt it would be pretty hypocritical of us to try to limit smoking, and put machines there where people could buy them, (cigarettes)," Quagliata said.

But while the college does have a more strict smoking policy, the college does not plan on formally enforcing or punishing smokers who do not comply with the policy.

> ***"The college itself does not want to get into the posting of guards, and slapping people who light a cigarette."***

"We enforce this by depending on the good nature, and willingness to adhere, on the part of the campus community.

Quagliata said that the Clean Indoor Air Act provides for the possible fine of up to $1,000 by the Health Department.

"The college itself does not want to get into the business of posting guards, and slapping people who light a cigarette. We think that most smokers have become conditioned to adhering to the rules.

"I don't like to create fines, rules, regulations that will become 'Gestapo' like, if you don't need them. Somebody has to prove to me that people are not adhering in massive numbers," Quagliata said.

The private offices on campus are not required to oblige by the new smoking policy, and are subject the occupants own judgement. But in the shared offices on campus, the "non- smokers rights prevail," according to Quagliata.

The five designated smoking areas on campus are the Student Union, the south entrance foyer of Titchener Hall, the south entrance foyer of Wales, a section of the Cafeteria, and the east entrance lobby of the Student Center.

Students can also smoke under the outdoor covered entrances of the Applied Technology building and the Business Building.

One of the new smoking signs posted throughout campus, in compliance with the Clean Indoor Air Act. (Eric Moyer Photo)

Smokers tend to ignore health risks

By FRANK GADALETA

Cigarette smokers have known about the dangers they face for the last 20 years, yet some people are still lighting up for the first time.

Many smokers began at an early age, often as teenagers. The reason for starting to smoke differ, but peer pressure is the most common reason.

Jeff Forgach, 20, recalls when he started, "I was 17 and at a party with my best friend. He started smoking so I tried one. The next day I had a few more and one thing led to another. I've been smoking ever since."

Most people who smoke can't give a reason why they smoke. They have a cigarette after a meal or when their having a drink. Some people have to have a cigarette when talking on the phone or while driving their car.

I really don't know why I smoke," admits Ariane Schneider, 20. "Sometimes it just gives me something to do. All I know is that when I'm not having one, I want one."

Just about everyone who smokes understands the health risks they face but they continue to smoke. Even older people who started smoking when it was "okay" realize the danger. This happens despite the warnings from former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, who has compared nicotine addiction to cocaine or heroine addiction.

"I've tried to quit a couple of times," says Joshua Longo, "but I don't think it was the right time for me. I would get an urge and have a cigarette instead of fighting it. But I know I have to quit soon."

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Lately, much of the emphasis on the problems of smoking has switched from the smoker to the non-smoker, who has to inhale the second-hand smoke. BCC's official policy on smoking on campus is that smoking is allowed in designated areas only.

According to Mary Ligouri of the Campus Health Services, smoking on campus is related to a cultural influence. For example, no one ever smokes in the Applied Technology building. It has been accepted that it is a non-smoking facility and does not lend to a smoking environment, Ligouri said.

On the other hand, says Ligouri, the Business Building is conducive to smoking. There is a large lounge area with plenty of chairs, vending machines and ashtrays.

New York State enacted the Clean Indoor Air Act which took effect Jan. 1. The act prohibits smoking in public areas, such as auditoriums, gyms, food stores, elevators, classrooms, trains, buses and taxicabs.

Unless restricted smoking areas are set aside smoking will also be banned in hospitals, waiting rooms, restrooms, indoor arenas, retail stores, banks, public buildings, theaters and libraries. The new law provides the minimum standards. Local laws can be even more stringent.

Some smokers may feel the new laws are infringing on their rights to smoke where they please. However, Rick Davidovich, 21, a smoker for four years said, "The new regulations really don't bother me. If they're less places I'm allowed to smoke, it will make it easier to quit. Besides, I can always go outside if I have to."

Non-smokers can also flip the coin and point out that smoking is violating their right to be able to breathe clean air.

Anyway you look at it, someone is going to feel their rights are being violated. But if you haven't started smoking yet, and are thinking of trying a cigarette, remember this phrase taken from a health service ad in the late 1970s, "smoking is a drag."

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Send that special someone a personalized message for Valentines day in our special Valentines Day classified section. It's only $1 per 40 words.
All Valentines Day messages must be submitted to the FULCRUM office in the Student Affairs building by Friday Feb. 8.

Ethnic riots grow

Recent events in the Soviet republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan, caused by hundreds of years of racial tensions, have certainly gotten out of hand. What has been allowed to happen in these southern republics has gone too far.

The proper Soviet authorities have acted too late in attempting to quell the uprisings. In effect, they have allowed a sort of civil war to take place between these two factions. This revolt has gone so far as to now include the Turkish and Iranian frontiers in the fighting.

A majority of the people on both sides support the actions of their so called "armies". The actions taken by each faction have, in fact, employed terrorist as well as guerilla tactics against one another.

This "war" has caused the deaths of at least 66 people and wounded about 220 others. The people employed to fight on either side are now heavily armed with helicopters, tanks, and ground to ground missiles, as well as rifles, automatic weapons and the like.

Now that Soviet authorities have sent the Red army down to try to stop the violence, that adds one more armed faction to the fray. What can the Soviets hope to accomplish by this move other than a loss of more lives and destruction of what is left of civilisation down there? This move has come too late to do more harm than help.

The cities and towns in the Caucasus region is starting to look a little like Lebanon does now. If The Red army was sent in when it should have been, then the meaninless loss of innocent lives could have been prevented.

Welcome back

We at the **Fulcrum** would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to BCC.

Another Christmas break has come and gone and what do we have to show for it? A bunch of ties, a few hangovers, an unpaid tuition bill, and another semester at Broome Community College.

We will reminisce of our winter break gone by, and dread the book costs, tuition bills, and long lines awaiting those who wish to exchange and drop courses.

Many problems still exist here at BCC that we wished would go away during our vacation. Titchener Hall is still in a decrepit state, the parking situation will become more of a problem if enrollment increases, and BCC still lacks an on campus day care program.

We, the **Fulcrum** staff, are always looking for a few good people to work on the student newspaper to help alleviate our work load. If you are interested in working for us, our office is located in the student union of the Student Affairs building. Or you can call us at 771-5110.

To all of those who love us and our work, we're baaack! And to all of those who hate and despise us and our labors, we're baack!

In closing, we would like to wish all of the students faculty, administrators, and staff members a happy Spring 1990 semester at BCC.

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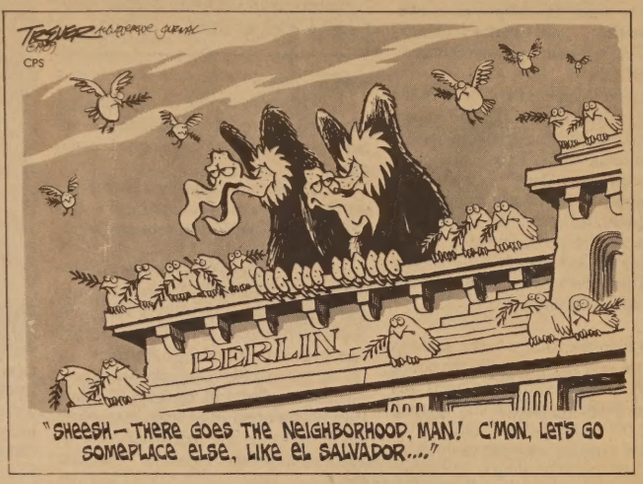


Reflections on the 'war'

Mike Farrell

"Oh what a tangled web we weave, eh Juan?"

--from the TV miniseries Fresno

If George Bush were on the old T.V. show "Rowan & Martin's Laugh In" I'm sure that he would have won the Fickle Finger of Fate award for his actions in Panama.

There were a few things wrong with the whole idea of the invasion of Panama:

1) Isn't it always amazing how whenever we help to put a person in power, we always end up trying to oust this person from power sometime in the future? We helped to put Noriega in power in the seventies and then we got rid of him in late 1989. This also happened with the late Ferdinand Marcos, and we are now and still trying to get rid of Fidel Castro, Daniel Ortega, and Augusto Pinochet.

2) It was bound to happen one of these days. It was a predictable move. Sooner or later George would have sent troops in there to get Manuel Noriega the "Military Strongman", dictator, money launderer, and accused drug trafficker out of Panama. We knew it, President Bush knew it, and surely Noriega knew it. Why else would he have been prepared as he was?

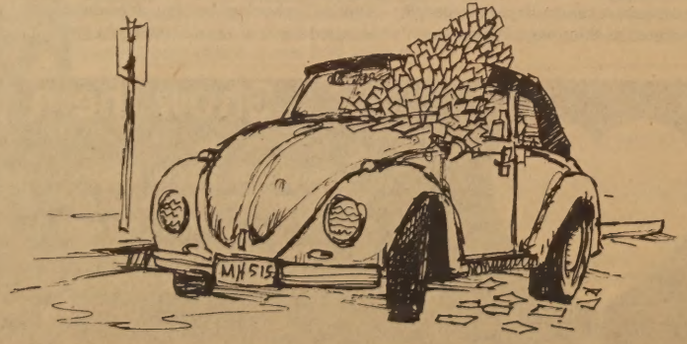
3) The way President Bush prioritised the invasion was all wrong. If anything, protecting the lives of American or Panamanian citizens there should have been first. But the way he numbered things was: 1) Capture Noriega, 2) Protect American lives and interests, and 3) Protect Panamanian lives. Noriega should have been the last thing on their list. His capture by the Untied States was important, but not more important than the other two.

4) When we invaded Panama we expected to find Noriega at the Panamanian Defense Forces headquarters, get him, and take him back to the United States, right? Wrong! When we got there, he wasn't where he was supposed to be. Rumour has it that someone leaked the information to him before the invasion and he moved himself for the premises. So ensued the madcap chase through Panama for the missing ruler.

5) Was our invading force really prepared for a combat situation? From most of the reports brought back from Panama we hear that they were not. For example, there was one instance where there was a shootout between our own soldiers in a parking lot in downtown Panama City. Fortunately none of our own soldiers was injured in the incident. However one French news reporter was the only casualty of the fray.

I think that I can safely say that this is the best military invasion since Reagan's invasion of Grenada. This was George's Grenada. George needed this invasion in order to live up to the name of his predecessor.

Well this concludes our reflection of the "war" in Panama. We'll be sure to keep you posted if any other invasions take place. So until the next police action, see ya!



Long hard road

Stairs, closed doors test handicapped

By JOANNE SOBON

Getting around BCC is not an easy task for anyone unfamiliar with the campus, but imagine what it would be like if you were in a wheelchair or unable to walk without assistance.

When the campus was designed in 1946, planners did not give much thought to the needs of the handicapped or how accessible the campus was, because people in wheelchairs did not attend college. All that changed in the 1970s when federal law required that any institution receiving federal money be accessible to the handicapped.

"Although the campus needs work, it is not strictly the college's fault as the money to make these changes is not available," said Bruce Pomeroy, the director of Student Support Services. He said the college has made several improvements, like the awning between some of the buildings and curb cuts in sidewalks for those in wheelchairs, but there is still work to be done, including the installation of larger elevators and power doors.

There are 35 disabled people attending BCC, including nine who use wheelchairs.

The disabled have special problems in several buildings, including Wales, the administration building, and Titchener, both of which do not have elevators.

Pomeroy told of a young man disabled in the Vietnam War who had to go to the Counseling Center on the second floor of Wales. The man parked his wheelchair at the bottom of the stairs and used his arm strength to climb the stairs, Pomeroy said.

David Connolly, a disabled student studying liberal arts, said he has faced similar problems as he makes his way around campus. He said his biggest problem is lack of automatic door openers. "They are nice when they work and are available," he said, because the doors are too heavy to push.

Connolly said the Student Affairs building, which he uses a lot is not equipped with an automatic door opener.

Connolly also said the elevators, where available should be made larger to accommodate wheelchairs. The elevator in the library is so small that someone in a regular manual wheelchair has to try several times to get on. A larger powered chair doesn't have a chance.

Pomeroy said most of the elevators were originally installed to haul freight not wheelchairs.

Another disabled student, Barbara Fast said the elevators are one of the first things that need improving. She said that even though the elevator in the Business Building is fairly new, all the numbers for the floors are confusing.

Another problem with the elevators is that the boxes that hold the buttons are too high for a person in a wheelchair to reach.

She said an electric eye would be better than automatic door openers on the doors.

Disabled students face another problem at the Campus Bookstore where they must negotiate a ramp that has many curves and is difficult to use.

In addition to the doors and elevators, disabled student Louise Petrosanti said she has difficulty using the telephones, which are too high for her to reach from a sitting position.

Using her mechanized chair to get around campus, Joanne Sobon finds similar problems getting into Titchener Hall (top) and the back entrance to the library (bottom). There are no automatic door openers at either building and she must wait for help from fellow students because the doors are too heavy for her to open by herself. Sobon suffers from multiple sclerosis.

Joanne Sobon takes the elevator in the Student Affairs Building. The elevators in some buildings are too small to accomodate larger, motorized vehicles.

Photos by Donna J. Mullins

Navigating campus requires ingenuity

EDITOR'S NOTE: We asked staff writer Joanne Sobon to take a tour of the buildings on campus and report on their accessibility. Sobon, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, uses an electrically powered wheelchair. Here is her report:

By JOANNE SOBON

We start out at the library where there are no problems getting into the building because of the power doors.

But trying to get to the basement of the library is a real problem. The elevator in the library is small and it is impossible to maneuver the larger, powered wheelchairs into it. The alternative is to go outside and enter from the back, but then another problem arises. The doors are heavy and have no automatic door openers.

Onto the Student Affairs Building where once again the doors must be opened manually, a difficult prospect from a sitting position. The best hope is that someone will be around to help.

Titchener is the next stop and again the doors must be opened by another person. Titchener has a nice, fully equipped bathroom for the handicapped. Unfortunately, it is downstairs and there are no elevators in Titchener.

The Student Center, which houses the bookstore, gym and the cafeteria, is very accessible in the way of power doors, but the outside ramp is a nightmare with its curves, length and narrowness.

The Business Building, although modern does not have power doors and although it has an elevator, it's a case of mismarked floors and buttons that are too high to reach.

The Wales Building, which houses such important offices like Financial Aid and Counseling, has beautiful power doors, but there is no elevator, making the offices on the second floor off limits.

The Advanced Tech Building, the newest building on campus, has automatic door openers and a roomy elevator. The problem though is that the doors to the classrooms are too heavy to open.

The oldest building on campus -- the Alms Building -- and 901 Front Street are completely out of the reach of handicapped students with no power doors or elevators.

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Sports

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Injuries slow cagers

Players' perseverance pleases coach

By DAVID HERZ

After closing the first semester with a 4-7 record the BCC men's basketball squad hoped to improve upon those numbers in the new year. But, a rash of injuries and illness have hampered the Hornets effort and the cagers have dropped three of their four contests.

"We haven't been able to establish any consistency because of all the games people have missed," said assistant coach Bob Rood. "We have had trouble because we haven't known what players would be avaliable from game to game."

Some of the Hornets who have missed time due to injury or illness include 6-5 forward Carey Morgan, who has been limited to just four games. Center Jim DeSantis has not been at full strength during the second semester after a bout with pneumonia. Second-year guard Todd Rosenfield has been slowed by an injury and point-guard Steve Domenech misssed time with an illness.

"We played one game with only seven players and another with eight," Rood said. "It's hard for the players to continue to concentrate under these situations."

The Hornets lack of able bodies has been a problem because BCC has found itself in foul trouble in a number of games. High scoring forward Tom Tully has fouled out of three of BCC's last four games. Rood said poor defense was a major reason for the foul difficulty.

"We've been allowing the other team to penetrate our defense too easily," he said. "When that happens our forwards have to rotate and then they are out of position and that leads to fouls."

In Broome's ten point loss to Community College of the Finger Lakes the Hornets were outscored 31-6 from the foul line.

Rood said he and head coach Herb Richmond have been pleased with the team's effort throughout this trying period.

Hornet guard Todd Rosenfield attempts a layup in a recent loss to Cazenovia C.C. (Eric Moyer photo)

"They stayed with it very well," Rood said. "There has been alot of pressure put on them and they've responded to the best of their abilities."

With 14 games still remaining the Hornets still have a shot at the post-season.

"We're 3-5 in the Mid-State Athletic Conference with four league games left," Rood said. "The top four teams go to the playoffs and we feel if we win three of our league games we can make the playoffs.

"We talked about our goals for the rest of the season. We have to stop thinking about what could have been and do the most with what is left. We entered the season with high expectations and we still believe in our talent."

The Hornets will be home on Thursday evening for a contest with Cayuga CC, a game which was postponed earlier. BCC will then play seven of its next eight games on the road.

"We still have alot to do and a tough road ahead to get it done," Rood said, "but we still believe in this group and we're just going to do the best we can and try to have fun."

Carra leads Cinderella team to higher rank

By ERIC MOYER

Mike Carra is near to accomplishing one of the goals he set for himself when became the college's wrestling coach last year: to become a major contender in the region.

With the help of first year assistant coach Al Katz, the team has come from a last place ranking in region three, to It's current fourth place out of 11 teams.

The team's top wrestler is Rich Potochniak with a record of twelve wins and only three losses. Potochniak placed second in the Delhi, Niagara and the Mohawk Valley Tournaments and he was the first Broome wrestler to win the BCC Hornet Invitational in the tournament's four year history.

Another of the top wrestlers is Jamey Cooper, with a record of 11-4. Cooper took first in Delhi, third at Mohawk Valley, and second in the Hornet Invitational.

Carra hopes to have as many wrestlers qualify as possible for the National Tournament in Bismark, N.D., on Feb. 19 and 20.

There may be some rough going ahead though. Six wrestlers have been lost due to academic ineligibility. "That really hurts us in the dual meets but, we are still a good tournament team," said Carra.

Carra is optimistic that the team's prospects will remain strong. One reason is that his assistant Katz, who works in the Student Accounts Office, also referees for high school wrestling and has contact with juniors and seniors who may want to come to Broome to wrestle.

"I am hoping the freshmen that we have for this season will be back next year to bring their experience to the incoming wrestlers that will be coming out next year," Carra said.

Carra, has been with the college for three years, working in the Admissions Office. He was named head coach of the wrestling team last year when Bill Beston retired.

While attending SUNY-Binghamton and working on dual majors in geography and economics, Carra was the co-captain of the SUNY team and All- American in 1977.

Upon graduation, Carra was the Resident Director and the assistant wrestling coach at SUNY-Binghamton. He was the assistant wrestling coach for the Central Region of the Empire State Games last year.

Icers looking to rebound after disappointing loss

By KENT BRONSON

This year's much-improved BCC hockey squad is hoping to be playoff-bound in February despite a disappointing showing this past Sunday against Erie Community College, said second year coach Joe Drotar.

"We're 6-7-1 and we've got some big games coming up against Mohawk Valley Community College and Ocean County College, the latter game needing to be rescheduled because of the snow Saturday," said Drotar.

"We need to come back after the last game against Erie (a 12-2 loss) to have a shot at making the Regionals in February," Drotar added.

Drotar that the team dropped two very close contests to Canton Community College in early January, losing the two by only a total of two or three points. The Canton C.C. hockey team was the top ranked community college team in the country in 1988-89.

High-scorers on the BCC squad are first line players Rob Weingartner and John O'Neil.

Drotar emphasized that the team has experienced a sharp rise in unity and spirit this season.

"Everyone's working hard and committing themselves to the game," said Drotar. "We're very persistent. We do not give up, even when we're down."

The Hornets close out the month with a game on Jan. 25 at Cortland and one on Jan. 29 at LeMoyne College.

Women take tournament

The BCC women's basketball team added a positive note to an otherwise disappointing season on Sunday with a 65-54 win over Cobleskill College to capture the Broome Community College Tournament title.

BCC held a one point halftime lead, 31-30, and Cobleskill kept the score tight until the end of the game, when BCC coach Renee Spear decided to put double coverage on Jen Walsh, Cobleskill's high scorer.

"She (Walsh) is a terrific player," said Spear. "Toward the end she was trying to force the shot."

Walsh was named tournament most valuable player.

BCC players Jill Mulroy and Kristin Basjamin scored consecutively late in the fourth period to give the 2-9 Hornets a four point lead, forcing their opponents to foul in the last few minutes. BCC sank five of the eight foul shots in the final 1:30 to seal the victory.

Mulroy and teammate JoAnn Kumrow were responsible for the late-game double-teaming of Walsh, and succeeding in holding her scoreless for the final minute-and-a-half.

Colleen Doyle led the Hornets with 19 points, followed by Mulroy's 16.

The BCC women play next on Wed., Jan. 24 at home against Cazenovia College.